

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of Airtech Advanced Materials Group.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those Tennessee businesses that have a longstanding commitment to providing exceptional service to their customers; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable entity is Airtech Advanced Materials Group of Springfield, which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary this year, a commendable milestone for this family-owned and -operated business; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1973 with three people and a shed in San Bernardino, California, Airtech was founded by William "Bill" Dahlgren with the meager sum of his mortgaged home and the elementary school teacher salary of his wife, Audrey Dahlgren; and

WHEREAS, the company's mission was predicated on the need for a unified supplier of high-quality materials for aircraft manufacturers such as Boeing and Airbus, and the company subsequently expanded into supplying composites, fiberglass, Kevlar, and carbon fiber, leading to the business's dominant position in the global composite market today; and

WHEREAS, starting its composite manufacturing in an old dog food factory, Airtech now has larger locations in Huntington Beach, California; Luxembourg; England; China; and very soon in India; and

WHEREAS, Airtech's custom products division and the Dahlgren family moved to a thirty-five-acre site in Springfield, Tennessee, in 2015, and in 2019, the world's largest 3-D printer began operation at Airtech's facility; and

WHEREAS, the company, after much labor, has become an industry leader in additive manufacturing for composite tooling and resin production, working with Oak Ridge National Laboratory to further improve aeronautic material; and

WHEREAS, Airtech is still completely family-owned, a third generation of Dahlgrens having joined the family venture and the Dahlgrens' son now serving as the acting president and CEO after his father stepped down in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the company boasts over 700 employees dedicated to continued industry innovation, as it expands into wind energy blades, automotive, marine, and UAV's; and

WHEREAS, with January 2023 marking its fiftieth year of operation, Airtech has half a century of experience to build upon, and plans are in place for the business to continue to grow and serve its communities for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Airtech has been providing superior aeronautic material and customer service, and it is fitting that the business be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Airtech Advanced Materials Group on fifty years of operation, wishing the organization much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.